



Downtown Sidewalk Cleaning



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What's happening now?

City contract crews have been implementing Phase I of the downtown sidewalk cleaning program. There has been a marked improvement in the condition of sidewalks downtown during phase 1. The current contract ends on June 30. The contract with the ongoing crew will begin on July 1, 2014. The program will continue to include daily cleaning and periodic pressure washing of sidewalks, benches and trash receptacles.

Background:

The downtown sidewalk cleaning program is part of the city's ongoing beautification efforts in vibrant downtown Asheville. Our city core and its multi-modal options are part of what makes Asheville a great place to live and do business.

Phase I of the program is underway and involves contract workers cleaning sidewalks and sidewalk furniture throughout the downtown business district. During this stage, staff will collect on the ground information to more clearly define the scope of services for the annual contract. As a new program, this is an important step to ensure taxpayers are getting the biggest bang for their buck. Phase II, the annual contract, is expected to be awarded in July.

Cleaning will occur throughout the day but pressure washing will generally take place between 6 a.m. – 10 a.m. with consideration given to residential areas of downtown. The areas within the blue borders in the [attached map](#) will receive attention first. Contractors will then move out to the areas within the red borders. Because of high traffic volumes, the blue area will receive treatment more frequently.

Thank you to the many stakeholders who shared feedback about timing and areas needing the greatest attention.

The primary goals of this project include:

- Improving downtown cleanliness
- By providing daily cleaning through contractors, improve the reaction time for city staff to more quickly address hot spots.

PROJECT TIMELINE →

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Date	Task	Status
2014		
July	Annual contract for downtown sidewalk cleaning starts	
June 30	Temporary contract ends	
June 22	New Contract goes to City Council for approval	
March-May	Staff will assess the areas of greatest need as determined by the pilot project. Using this information, staff will fine tune the Request for Proposals (RFP) process for the annual contract.	Completed
March	Pilot project contract initiated for downtown sidewalk, sidewalk furniture and trash receptacle cleaning	In progress

Documents

[Sidewalk Cleaning Program area map](#)